

FOR INFORMATION CALL

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Youth Council to urge support of National School Walkout Day and March for Our Lives

The City of Milwaukee Youth Council will vote on a resolution that supports National School Walkout Day and the March for Our Lives rally during its regular meeting on Wednesday, March 14 at 4:30 p.m. in the third floor Council Chamber at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. This resolution comes forth from the discussion on gun violence after the deaths of 17 students last month at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

The legislation stresses the importance of student-led activism advocating for an end to gun violence that affects many students across the country. The Youth Council urges Milwaukee Public Schools to allow students to participate in the **National School Walkout at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14** without disciplinary repercussions. The protest will serve as a memorial to the victims of the Parkland, Florida shooting and victims of gun violence.

The resolution expresses support for restricting gun sales to individuals under 21, to individuals with mental illness or a history of domestic violence, for increasing student access to mental health resources, and keeping teachers unarmed. The Youth Council's resolution also encourages the Common Council to support the National School Walkout, March for Our Lives, and gun violence prevention measures.

The meeting will be televised live by the City Channel via streaming video on the city website at www.city.milwaukee.gov/Channel25 as well as on Spectrum Cable and AT&T U-Verse in the City of Milwaukee.

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